

## **IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Kazuhiko MATSUMOTO  
**Application No.:** 10/816,978  
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**Title:** MEDICAL IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND  
MEDICAL IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD

**Group Art Unit:** 2624  
**Examiner:** Katrina R. Fujita

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### **INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.133(b), please make of record this summary of the June 30, 2009 telephonic interview between Examiner Katrina Fujita (“Examiner”) and Matthew Binkowski, Attorney for the Applicant (“Applicant”). In the interview, claims 1 and 19 were discussed in view of U.S. Patents No. 6,852,638 to Suri et al.

The Examiner indicated that the amendments to claims 1 and 19, which were filed on June 19, 2009, overcame the Suri et al. reference. However, the Examiner would need to perform an additional search in light of the amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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